

WØMTL—**Hannibal Amateur Radio Club News**—WØKEM



2025 HARC OFFICERS

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EDITOR: DON VARY, KDØHHN

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: 2025

March 12, 2025

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!

We are now meeting at the Marion County Ambulance District Administrative Offices at 142 Jaycee Drive. To get to the facility, go South on McMasters Ave (RT61) to the intersection of Clinic Rd (immediate right past Wendy's). Turn Right onto Clinic Rd and the first right is Communication Drive. Turn onto Communication Drive and continue straight on Communication which then turns into Jaycee Dr. The Admin center is on the right at the top of the hill.

MONDAY NIGHT WEEKLY NET CALL LIST – 2025

**3 JODY KEØOAA
10 DON KDØHHN
17 AL N9MAF
24 JOE W6JFL
31 ALLAN K9AJC**

Information about our Monday night nets can be found on the club website, www.w0kem.com and click on FM Repeaters.

SCHEDULED FCC VE TEST DATES FOR YEAR OF 2025**DATES FOR 2025**

April 9, 2025

July 9, 2025

October 8, 2025

Registration is requested at least 72 hours before the exam session by contacting the team liaison, Dave Scranton, W9WE, 210-325-7923, or w9we.lee@gmail.com. If enough VE's are present at the meeting night, any walk ins will be able to test that evening.

The 2025 test fee will be unchanged at \$15.00. It goes to ARRL/VEC. Bring a photo ID (or two non-photo ID's); if currently licensed, bring the original and a photocopy of your valid FCC license; and if you are claiming credit for successful completion of an exam, bring the original and photocopy of any applicable CSCE's.

Exams will take place at 8:00 PM after the regularly scheduled HARC meeting.

WALK INS ARE WELCOME.

HARC CLUB DUES:

HARC annual dues are due each January. The dues are very important and are needed to keep repeaters up and running, plus other expenses of the club. The yearly dues fee is \$20.00 per member, & \$5.00 for each additional family member. You can pay at club meetings, or send the money to HARC, P.O. Box 1522 Hannibal Mo, 63401. Thanks!!



Hannibal Amateur Radio Club Monthly Meeting Minutes

Opening

Club president Joe, W6JFL, called the February 2025 Hannibal Amateur Radio Club meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Twenty-three members and one guest were present.

Proposals for membership:

Club president Joe, W6JFL, proposed Larry Dixon, KA9GWM, be admitted to the club. Shawn, KD9VUW, motioned to accept the proposal, and Kenny, KD0KCQ, seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Changes/Corrections to Previous Month's Minutes:

Changes to previous minutes: Michele Nunemacher brought to the club's attention that her name was misspelled in the January 2025 newsletter. Correction has been noted and corrected in the club roster.

Motioned to accept the minutes made by Don, KD0HHN, and was seconded by Kenny, KD0KCQ.

Motion carried by members.

Treasurer's Report:

Kenny, KE0KCQ, presented the monthly financial report. As of February 13, 2025, the beginning balance was \$4,860.35, Expenses were \$288.01, and Deposits were \$505. The CD balance had a beginning balance of \$1,385.57, and no interest was paid during this period, bringing the total CD balance to \$1,385.57. Petty cash was also unchanged at \$40, bringing the total club balance to \$5,103.34 for February 2025.

Motion to accept by Jody, KE0OAA, and was seconded by Shawn, KD9VUW.
Motion carried by members.

Repeaters:

Al, N9MAF, reports that the 146.625 machine may be experiencing some de-sensing due to a damaged element. As mentioned in previous editions, a plan is in place to bring down the 146.625 antenna for repairs, temporarily replacing it until repairs are completed. The 146.880 machine has been operating normally, and no known issues have been reported.

Kenny, KD0KCQ, motioned to accept the repeater report, and Matt, KF0PHE, seconded the motion.

Motion carried by the members.

Committee Reports:

Laptops: Martin questioned how comps are used. Don indicated that they were mainly used for logging. The quote presented is \$300-375 per computer and \$375 for a more rugged version. A rotating period was suggested, purchasing one every other year to keep fresh comp tech in the club—a "tech refresh" plan.

Don, KD0HHN, motioned to buy one, see how things go with just one & reevaluate in one year.

Al, N9MAF seconded the motion, carried by a member vote.

QSL cards are also here! Donated by Al, N9MAF. Thank you, Al, for getting the club a fresh set of QSL cards.

Chili Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, March 15, at Base 1. Five so far will be bringing chili. An email survey will be coming out soon from Martin, KD0TMJ, so keep an eye on your inboxes.

Old/Unfinished Business:

DUES are due; remember to pay them by the March 2025 meeting. Otherwise, you will be dropped from the membership roles.

Martin, KD0TMJ, was presented with a Member of the Year 2024 plaque. Martin was nominated and confirmed as such in the December 2024 meeting. His contributions to the club have been above and beyond, and we are lucky to have such a member. Congrats to Martin!!!

Don Bickhaus, KF0SWP, was presented with a certificate of First Contact. Congrats to Don for committing to becoming a licensed ham radio operator and achieving his first contact!!!

Winter Heat results are in. Al, N9MAF, was the top point earner in the area, coming in at #16 out of 550 people. Other members also participated and placed rather well on the list. We are also still looking for training officer(s) for monthly meetings. See the November 2024 entry for more information.

Joe, W6JFL, would like to get a training officer to help schedule training sessions after meetings. If you have some electronics/RF experience or know anyone who does, let Joe know in the March meeting. In the past, before COVID, training sessions would be scheduled over different topics to learn. Topics range from coax assembly to how to get on WinLink.

- *Update*—An online SKYWARN course will be held on February 18. For more information, see the information from previous newsletters below.
 - Storm Spotter classes are coming up this late winter into spring. Go to <https://www.weather.gov/skywarn/> to find the schedule. They can be taken online or in a classroom setting. If you missed or did not receive Don's (KD0HHN) email, see a small copy of it below:
 - *"NWS St. Louis has announced their storm spotter schedule for the upcoming year. There are 2 online classes, they are January 30th from 7-8:30 pm and April 22 also from 7 - 8:30 pm. To register for one of them go to www.weather.gov/lxx/, the page for NWS St. Louis. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on "storm spotter talks" and that will take you to the schedule page, then click on virtual class and that will take you to the link to register. If you want to take one in person, the closest classes to us are Feb 11, 2025 at the South Shelby Elementary school in Shelbina from 6:30 to 8:30 or Feb 25, 2025 in Baylis Illinois at the John Wood Community College Ag Building, same time. There are classes to the south of us. When you are on the page for the classes, there is a map for in person classes."*

Also, there is still time to register for additional training. The following information has been posted in previous newsletters; check it out. Also, be aware that a minimum number of people must sign up. Otherwise, the training may be canceled. As of the February 2025 meeting, seventeen are signed up, and they need 20. See the following originally posted starting from the November 2024 minutes:

- Another area of training the Don has been working to implement is the NTS (National Traffic System). This network allows people to send and receive messages worldwide, even in grid-down situations, for various communications needs from coast to coast. Training is tentatively set for the spring of 2025. But you don't have to wait for training to hear what an NTS net sounds like. You can find them daily on 3963 KHz every night at 5:30 PM, the Missouri Traffic Net (MoNT), and on the 75m interstate sideband net on 3985 KHz (usually around 7 or 8 pm). The Missouri Emergency Services net is on 7263 KHz every Sunday at 2 pm.

Be aware that Field Day is coming up from June 28-29, 2025. This year, the club has been offered to team up with the Quincy, IL club WIARC (W9AWE).

New Business:

Don, KD0HHN, announced that there will be tornado training on March 1, 2025, in Macon, MO. The location is at the Apple Basket and will begin at 10 a.m. If interested, get in touch with Don, KD0HHN. This will be hosted by the Macon Amateur Radio club, and the presenter will be Joe Dietrick, KCØNOX, Livingston County ARES EC. The topic is Tornado Spotting and Training, and to register for the course, contact Dale Bagley at dbagley@cvalley.net or 660-351-0282

Don, KDØHHN, also brought up that the Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act has been re-introduced in Congress by Senators Wicker (R-Mass) and Blumenthal (D-Conn) and Representatives Pfluger (R-Tex) and Courtney (D-Conn), to restore the right for Amateur Radio Operators to install the antennas necessary to serve their communities. This bill would prohibit homeowner associations from making rules that prohibit Amateur Radio antenna installations, specify an approved process for installing antennas and provide a Federal private right of action for Amateur Radio operators in disputed cases. He suggested that the club should send a letter supporting this effort to our Senators and Representatives in Washington D.C. Discussion about having a letter typed up that individual members can also sign and send to their representatives. Don said he would do up a letter and have it available at the March meeting for members.

Announcements:

ARES Net Control operators for the remaining February dates and the beginning of March.

2/17 – Al, N9MAF

2/24 – Allan, K9AJC

3/3 – Jody, KE0OAA

3/10 – Don, KD0HHN

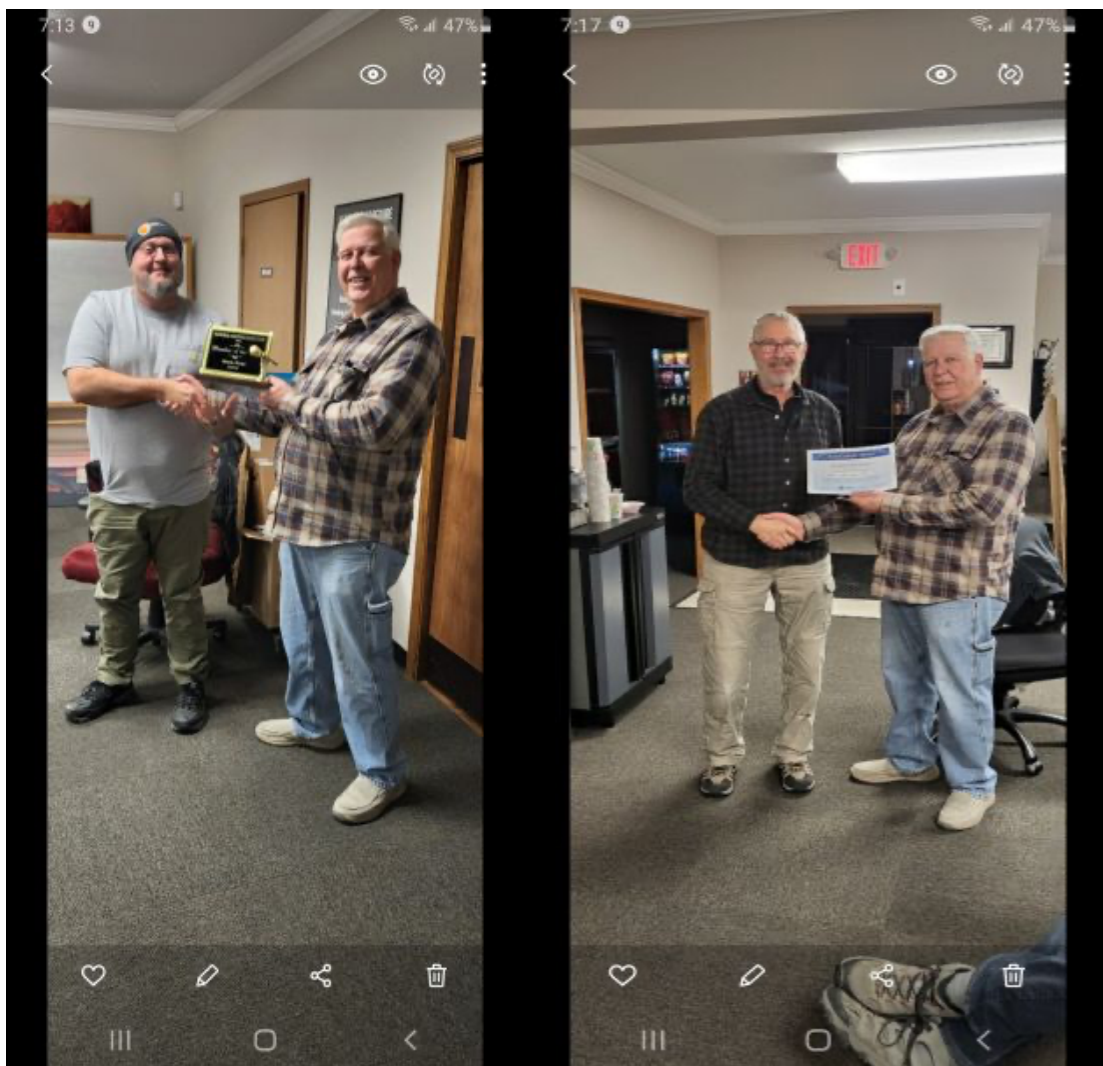
Breakfast will be at Logue's Restaurant at 8 a.m. Monitor the 146.625 repeater for directions or changes.

50/50:

50/50 was won by Joe, W6JFL. Congrats Joe!

Adjournment:

Motion by Don, KD0HHN, seconded by Joe, W6JFL.
Carried by members.



Martin (KDØTMJ) Receiving his
Member of the Year Award from
Joe (W6JFL)

Don (KFØSWP) Receiving his First
Contact Certificate from Joe (W6JFL)



TORNADO SPOTTING AND TRAINING

SATURDAY MAR. 1ST 2025 from 10:00 a.m. til NOON

IN MACON, MISSOURI AT THE APPLE BASKET DOWNTOWN

**THE EXCELLENT MULTI-MEDIA PROGRAM ABOUT STORM
SPOTTING AND SPOTTER SAFETY WILL BE PRESENTED BY**

**JOE DIETRICK, KCØNOX,
LIVINGSTON COUNTY A.R.E.S EC**

**DON'T MISS THIS CHANCE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT STORMS, SPOTTING AND
MANY OTHER RELATED TOPICS**

PLEASE RSVP TO dbagley@cvalley.net or call 660-351-0282

Joe's weather spotting background

Starting severe weather spotting in high school (mid-1970s).

5 hours of Meteorology at the University of Kansas

Active storm spotter/chaser, particularly since 1994.

Comet/UCAR Spotter Training certificate, 2012.

Spotter Network "certification", about 2010.

Storm Spotter training instruction since 2018

Amateur radio operator [KCØNOX] since 2002.

North Central Missouri SKYWARN: Assist as net control.

Livingston Co. Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES): Emergency Coordinator.

Northwest Missouri ARES: Member.

Kansas City Hospital Emergency Amateur Response Team (KC HEART) until 2010.

**Utilize these applications: Radar: GRLevel3, WeatherTap, RadarScope., NWS Slack; iNWS,
WebEOC, Spotter Network**

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK
BY JOE LAULETTA, W6JFL



-Greetings, Members!

Yes, my column is late. Sorry about that, sometimes my silly little life gets in the way of things and makes me reprioritize stuff.

March is here, with its confusing and confounding weather. Speaking of which, who attended the online Storm Spotter course? There was a serious audio feedback issue on my end, and it seems they disabled the chat function, so I couldn't even bring it to their attention. Anybody else have that issue?

Chili dinner this month! Can't wait. I love to eat...

Also upcoming up (Mar 21 & 22) is the PER-334 Disaster Preparedness and Survival class. Several of you have already signed up, Thanks! There may still be time if you're interested, contact me or Don KD0HHN for details.

If the weather permits, get outside! Good time for antenna maintenance, reviewing your yard plans, washing your car, or just getting some sunshine.

73,

-Joe-



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From ARRL Headquarters

Newington CT February 20, 2025

To all radio amateurs

SB DX ARL ARLD008

ARLD008 DX news

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by The Daily DX, 425 DX News, DXNL, OPDX, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

SRI LANKA, 4S. Members of the Polish DX Team are QRV as 4S7SPG from Nilaveli until March 1. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, and FT8. QSL via SP6CIK.

TANZANIA, 5H. Chas, NK8O is QRV as 5H3DX until March 6. Activity is in his spare time on the HF bands using CW and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

NIGERIA, 5N. Members of the Rebel DX Group are QRV as 5N9DTG. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using FT8 and FT4 with Superfox and MSHV modes. QSL via OQRS.

MALDIVES, 8Q. Takio, JH3QFL will be QRV as 8Q7FL from February 26 to March 6. Activity will be on 40 to 6 meters using FT8. QSL direct to home call.

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, A6. Special event stations A60TET/0 through A60TET/23 are QRV until February 27 for the UAE Emirates Tour Event Bicycle Road Race. QSL via operators' instructions.

CAPE VERDE, D4. A group of operators are QRV with special event call sign D450ICV until December 31 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the independence of Cape Verde. Activity is on all bands and modes. QSL via LoTW.

COMOROS, D6. Elvira, IV3FSG will be QRV as D68Z from Moroni from February 28 to March 18. Activity will be on the HF bands using CW, SSB, FT8, and FT4. QSL via IK2DUW.

ST. PIERRE AND MIQUELON, FP. Freddy, F4HEC is QRV as FP/F4HEC until February 25. Activity is on 80 to 6 meters using CW and SSB. This includes being an entry in the REF SSB contest. QSL direct to home call.

SAUDI ARABIA, HZ. Members of the Saudi Amateur Radio Society are QRV with special call sign HZ1KWT until February 25 to celebrate Kuwait National Day. QSL via operators' instructions.

ST. LUCIA, J6. Steve, NY3B will be QRV as J68SS from February 25 to March 4. He and other operators will be QRV as J62K in the upcoming ARRL International SSB DX contest. QSL via operators' instructions.

WAKE ISLAND, KH9. Allen, KH7AL is QRV as KH7AL/KH9 until February 28. Activity has been on 12 and 10 meters using slow CW. QSL to home call.

COSTA RICA, TI. Members of the Russian Robinson Club are QRV as TI1RRC from Cano Island, IOTA NA-191, and TI1RRC/p from IOTA NA-117, until February 25. Activity is on the HF bands. QSL via M0OXO.

CAMEROON, TJ. Thierry, TK1CX is QRV as TJ/TK1CX until February 28. QSL via EA5ZD.

GABON, TR. Roland, F8EN is QRV as TR8CR until at least April. Activity is on the HF bands using only CW. QSL via F6AJA.

NORFOLK ISLAND, VK9N. Members of the Caboolture Radio Club will be QRV with special event call signs VK9AB, VK9QD, VK9YB, VK9/VK4CJB, VK9/VK4KCA, VK9/VK4KLA, VK9/VK4PBE and VK9/VK4TG from February 22 to March 1. Activity will be on all HF bands. Station VK9YB will attempt to set a new world record distance on 2200 and 630 meters. QSL via operators' instructions.

CHRISTMAS ISLAND, VK9X. A group of operators are QRV as VK9XU until March 4. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, and other digital modes with three stations active around the clock. QSL via DL2AWG.

INDIA, VU. Datta, VU2DSI and Ajay, VU3LPQ are QRV as AU6LON until February 24 from the shores of Lonar Lake, a lake created by the impact of a meteorite some 570,000 years ago. Activity is on 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters. QSL direct to VU2DSI.

INDONESIA, YB. Operators YB7MP/p, YB7HYK/p and YE7HIO are QRV from Laut Island, IOTA OC-166, until February 23. Activity is on all bands using SSB and various digital modes. QSL via operators' instructions.

THIS WEEKEND ON THE RADIO. CQ 160-Meter SSB Contest, North American RTTY QSO Party, NA Collegiate RTTY Championship, World Wide Argentina DX Contest, NCCC FT4 Sprint, Weekly RTTY Test, QRP 80-Meter CW Fox Hunt, NCCC Sprint CW Ladder, K1USN Slow Speed CW Test, REF SSB Contest, 22nd Antarctic Activity Week, UBA DX CW Contest, South Carolina QSO Party, High Speed Club CW Contest and the North Carolina QSO Party will keep testers busy this upcoming weekend.

K1USN Slow Speed CW Test, QCX CW Challenge, ICWC Medium Speed CW Test, OK1WC Memorial, RSGB FT4 Contest, Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest, SKCC CW Sprint, QRP 40-Meter CW Fox Hunt, Phone Weekly Test, A1Club AWT, CWops Test, Mini-Test 40 CW, Mini-Test 80 CW and the UKEICC 80-Meter CW Contests are all scheduled for February 24 to 26.

Please see February 2025 QST, page 80, and the ARRL and WA7BNM contest websites for details.

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